WIDA Self-Paced Workshops

Frequently Asked Questions

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How do I get a WIDA Secure Portal account?

ELD Program and/or District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) will create a bulk upload with educators' names and email addresses. Once the bulk educator list is created, a user with District permissions will upload this list to WIDA Client Services Center (CSC). After WIDA CSC receives and processes the bulk upload, an automatic email will be sent to educators on the list inviting them to create an account through the WIDA Secure Portal. This account will give access to self-paced workshops and other workshop resources.

What is the deadline to send the bulk upload list to WIDA CSC?

This is a district decision. Teachers can access WIDA Self-Paced Workshops once the bulk upload list is sent and processed.

Should districts send the names of all staff members or just individuals who wish to participate?

This is a district decision. If someone receives an invitation from WIDA to create an account, they do not have to accept the invitation to participate.

Are virtual WIDA Workshops required?

No, participation is optional. Workshop participation will, however, help satisfy some hours related to the 45 hour English Learner Professional Development requirement for licensure renewal.

Is there a cost to participate in these Workshops?

No, there is no cost to K-12 public school educators.

Where can I access the Workshops once I create an account?

After logging into your WIDA Secure Portal account, click on the Professional Learning tab at the top of the webpage.

WIDA Self-Paced Workshops*

Available September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025

For more detailed information, visit WIDA eLearning

NEW: Let's Play! Multilingual Children's Joyful Learning in PreK-3 – 2 hours

- Designed for K-12 educators who teach, or collaborate with teachers of multilingual children, in PreK-3 classrooms and programs
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & II

NEW: Reading Comprehension Across Content Areas with Multilingual Learners – 1.5 hours

- Designed for K-12 educators who work with multilingual learners
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & III

NEW: Desarollando el español: las expectativas del lenguaje - 2 hour

- Designed for K-12 bilingual educators. educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & II

Newcomers: Promoting Success through Strengthening Practice – 3 hours

- Designed for K-12 classroom teachers
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & IV

**WIDA estimations of time to complete. Actual hours will be indicated on Certificate of Completion.*

August 31, 2024

Does the invitation to create an account expire after a certain amount of time?

The invitation to create an account does not expire – as long as the educator has access to the email provided in the bulk upload list.

What if I already have a WIDA Secure Portal account?

Those who already have an assessment related account in WIDA.wisc.edu will receive an email that eLearning permission has been added to their account. An invitation to sign into the Secure Portal will be sent once the district uploads and WIDA CSC processes the bulk educator list. If the former test administration account is inactivated within three years, the account will be re-instated with the eLearning permission added. If the former test administrator account has not been logged into for more than three years, the account and history will have been removed; anticipate receiving an invitation to create a new account.

I started working in my district later in the school year. How do I get a WIDA Secure Portal account?

Contact your District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) to request an account activation on your behalf. WIDA will email you and invite you to create an account through the WIDA Secure Portal. This account will give you access to self-paced workshops and other workshop resources.

I am not currently working in a district, but I want hours to maintain my license. Can I access these virtual Workshops?

No, WIDA Self-Paced Workshops are currently only available to Colorado K-12 public school educators with a district email address.

Is there a limit to online Workshop enrollment?

No, enrollment is unlimited for WIDA self-paced workshops.

Who can participate?

K-12 public school educators currently working in a Colorado school district can access and participate in the WIDA Workshops.

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Exploring the WIDA PreK-3 Essential Actions – 2 hours

- Designed for PreK-3 classroom teachers
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & IV

Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics – 4 hours

- Designed for K-12 educators teaching math or support ELD in mathematics
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

Engaging Multilingual Learners in Science: Making Sense of Phenomena – 3-4 hours

- Designed for K-12 science and language educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

Making Language Visible in the Classroom – 1 hour

- Designed for K-12 educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

Reframing Education for Long Term English Learners - 1 hour

- Designed for K-12 educators and administrators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & III

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When should I complete Workshops?

New courses are offered each school year. Educators must complete SY24-25 workshops by August 31, 2025.

Will I get a certificate after completing a virtual Workshop?

After educators complete a self-paced Workshop, they can print and/or download and save their Certificate of Completion. CDE encourages participants to download and/or forward certificates to their personal email as WIDA or CDE will not be able to reproduce certificates or confirm participation.

Will these Workshops count towards the new English Learner PD Requirement for relicensing?

Yes, the Workshops listed in this document are aligned to the English Learner Professional Development Quality Standards, and the certificates you print after completing the eWorkshops can be submitted to CDE Licensing with your completed EL Professional Learning Standards Matrix and renewal application.

Who do I contact if there are technology issues?

WIDA CSC can assist with any technology issues or account access questions.

Contacts and Resources:

WIDA Client Services (CSC) 1-866-276-7735

WIDA Self-Paced eLearning

CLDE Office at the CDE

CLDE Professional Development Opportunities

Educator Licensing Office at the CDE

English Learner Professional Development Quality Standards

English Learner Professional Learning Standards Matrix

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Teaching Multilingual Learners Social Studies through Multiple Perspectives – 3 hours

- Designed for K-12 educators that serve multilingual learners
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard II & IV

WIDA ELD Standards Framework: A Collaborative Approach – 4 hours

- Designed for K-12 educators
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & II

NEW Spring 2025: WIDA Español: Evaluaciones del desarrollo del lenguaje a nivel de salón - Classroom assessment for language development – 2 hours

- Designed for Spanish and English bilingual K-12 educators, administrators, and support staff who assess language development in a bilingual context
- Aligned to English Learner Quality Standard I & IV

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